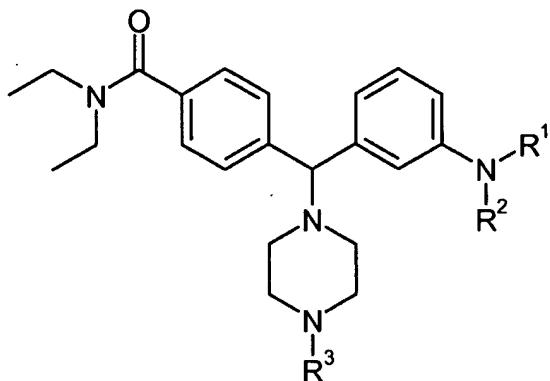


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



wherein

R^1 is selected from C_{3-6} alkyl, C_{6-10} aryl, C_{2-9} heteroaryl, C_{6-10} aryl- C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{2-9} heteroaryl- C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{3-10} cycloalkyl, C_{3-10} cycloalkyl- C_{1-4} alkyl, $R^8-C(=O)-$, $R^8-S(=O)_2-$, $R^8-S(=O)-$, $R^8-NHC(=O)-$, $R^8-C(=S)-$ and $R^8-NH-C(=S)-$, wherein R^8 is selected from C_{3-6} alkyl, C_{6-10} aryl, C_{2-9} heteroaryl, C_{6-10} aryl- C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{2-9} heteroaryl- C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{3-10} cycloalkyl, and C_{3-10} cycloalkyl- C_{1-4} alkyl, wherein said C_{3-6} alkyl, C_{6-10} aryl, C_{2-9} heteroaryl, C_{6-10} aryl- C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{2-9} heteroaryl- C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{3-10} cycloalkyl- C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, and C_{3-10} cycloalkyl- C_{1-4} alkyl C_{3-6} cycloalkyl- C_{1-4} alkyl used in defining R^1 and R^8 are optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from -R, - NO_2 , -OR, -Cl, -Br, -I, -F, - CF_3 , - $C(=O)R$, - $C(=O)OH$, - NH_2 , -SH, -NHR, - NR_2 , -SR, - SO_3H , - SO_2R , - $S(=O)R$, -CN, -OH, - $C(=O)OR$, - $C(=O)NR_2$, - $NRC(=O)R$, and - $NRC(=O)OR$, wherein R is, independently, selected from -H, C_{1-6} alkyl and phenyl;

R^2 is selected from -H and C_{1-6} alkyl optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from halogen, - CF_3 , -OH, C_{1-3} alkoxy, and halogen; and

R^3 is selected from -H, C_{1-6} alkyl- $O-C(=O)-$, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, and C_{3-6} cycloalkyl- C_{1-4} alkyl, wherein said C_{1-6} alkyl- $O-C(=O)-$, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, and C_{3-6} cycloalkyl- C_{1-4} alkyl are optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from C_{1-6} alkyl, halogenated C_{1-6} alkyl, - NO_2 , - CF_3 , C_{1-6} alkoxy and halogen.

2. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1, wherein